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SUBJ: NEW PRC TRANSPORTATION TAX ON FOREIGN SHIPPING

REF: HONG KONG 7505

1. IN REPLY QUESTION RAISED PARA 4 REFTTEL, JAPAN DOES NOT HAVE A TRANSPORTATION INCOME TAX OR OTHER CHARGES SIMILAR TO PRC TAX WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT ON JULY 1.

2. COMMENT. PROMULGATION OF PRC TAX UNDOUBTEDLY INTRODUCES NEW ISSUE IN JAPAN/PRC NEGOTIATIONS ON SHIPPING AGREEMENT. JAPANESE PRESS HAS SUGGESTED THAT TAX WAS IMPOSED MAINLY FOR USE AS BARGAINING POINT IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS BUT TRANSPORT MIN OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR NEGOTIATIONS HAVE DECLINED TO SPECULATE ON THE MATTER. EMBOFF HAD INFORMALLY DISCUSSED UPCOMING JAPAN/PRC SHIPPING NEGOTIATIONS WITH TOMITA (DIR OF OVERSEAS DIV IN MOT SHIPPING BUREAU) ON JUNE 20. AT THAT TIME TOMITA
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INDICATED THAT MAJOR ISSUE IN NEGOTIATIONS WOULD LIKELY

BE PRC'S ANTICIPATED ATTEMPT TO WRITE INTO THE AGREE-
MENT AN EXCLUSION FROM CHINESE PORTS OF JAPANESE OWNED
OR CHARTERED VESSELS WHICH ARE OR HAVE BEEN
USED IN TRADE WITH SUCH COUNTRIES AS TAIWAN, SOUTH KOREA
AND SOUTH VIETNAM. HE DID NOT AT THAT TIME ALLUDE TO
POSSIBILITY THAT PRC MIGHT INTRODUCE A NEW TRANSPORTATION
TAX PRIOR TO INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE THIS OF
COURSE NOT CONCLUSIVE, IT NEVERTHELESS SUGGESTS TO
EMBASSY THAT MOT DID NOT HAVE ADVANCE INFORMATION THAT
PRC WAS ABOUT TO IMPOSE THIS TAX.
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